

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of the Petition of Interstate Power
and Light for Approval of Riders for Standby
and Supplementary Power and Distributed
Generation Power

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ORDER APPROVING RIDER AND
STANDBY SERVICE

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On August 1, 2001, Minnesota Statutes § 216B.1611 became effective. Subdivision 2 of the statute directed the Commission to establish standards for terms under which an electric utility would interconnect with a customer's plant that uses certain "clean" fuels to generate up to ten megawatts (MW) of power for use on-site by the customer, with any unused electricity sold to the utility. The statute refers to such plants as "distributed generation" (DG).

On September 28, 2004, the Commission issued its ORDER ESTABLISHING STANDARDS in Docket No. E-999/CI-01-2023, *In the Matter of Establishing Generic Standards for Utility Tariffs for Interconnection and Operation of Distributed Generation Facilities under Minnesota Laws 2001, Chapter 212*. The Commission directed retail electric public utilities to file tariffs consistent with the new standards.

On December 23, 2004, Interstate Power and Light (IPL) filed a proposed rider for distributed generation and a rider for standby service. Other parties filed comments and recommended changes to the riders.

On March 22, 2006, the Commission issued its ORDER APPROVING TARIFF RIDERS AND RELATED DOCUMENTS AS MODIFIED. IPL was required to file revised tariff riders in compliance with the Commission's modifications.

On April 21, 2006, IPL filed its revised tariff riders in compliance with the Commission's Order.

On June 29, 2006, the Commission met to consider the matter.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

After consideration, the Commission approves IPL's April 21, 2006, revised riders for distributed generation and standby service with the following modifications:

- 1) Distributed Generation Rider
Modify the tariff to eliminate the trade secret information; explain in the tariff that a customer can obtain the trade secret information from the company after signing a non-disclosure agreement;
- 2) Standby Rider Availability - Sheet No. 30
Amend this section by eliminating the underlined wording: "Customer shall operate self-generation to avoid taking energy from Company other than under a schedule, and to avoid energy flow to Company."
Add: Customer shall not generate and allow energy to flow onto the Company's distribution system unless it is separately metered or otherwise permitted in accordance with the Company's distributed generation tariff rider."
- 3) Standby Rider Availability - Sheet No. 30
Amend last paragraph in section by eliminating the underlined wording:
"Non-firm Standby Service is the electric service that IPL provides only to the extent that it has capacity not being used to meet the needs of firm-service customers at the moment."

ORDER

1. Interstate Power and Light's April 20, 2006, distributed generation and standby service riders are approved, as modified below:
 - A. Distributed Generation Rider
Modify the tariff to eliminate the trade secret information; explain in tariff that a customer can obtain the trade secret information from the company after signing a non-disclosure agreement;
 - B. Standby Rider Availability - Sheet No. 30
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 - C. Standby Rider Availability - Sheet No. 30

Amend last paragraph in section by eliminating the underlined wording:
“Non-firm Standby Service is the electric service that IPL provides only to the extent that it has capacity not being used to meet the needs of firm-service customers at the moment.”

2. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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Executive Secretary

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